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Own A Piece of History

Parr Park Bicentennial Pecan Tree Program

In early 1990, the International Society of Arboriculture recognized the Parr Park Bicentennial Pecan Tree as a tree that may have been alive in 1787 at the signing of the U.S. Constitution. Due to the age, type, size and historic association of the tree, the Grapevine City Council designated it a "Historic Tree of the City" with Resolution No. 90-08 on March 20, 1990.

Having survived two lightning strikes and the development of Parr Park, this mighty pecan tree fell to the earth during a windstorm



on Wednesday, May 2, 2007. To honor the tree, the Woodturners of North Texas were commissioned to create 20 pieces of art from the wood of the tree, including bowls, pens, gavels, eggs,

unique pieces, guitars, and other collectibles.

These one-of-a-kind art pieces will be displayed at various City locations. Pens, in a handsome wooden case, are available in either slim or



husky models for \$50 each while supplies last. To purchase a pen, please call 817-410-3122. All purchases include a Certificate of Authenticity to prove that the wood came from this historic tree.

For viewing locations and times, please visit www.grapevinetexas.gov.

Convention and Visitors Bureau News

Chocolate Lovers Unite!

If you love chocolate, mark your calendar for the Fourth Annual Chocolate Festival on March 7 and 8. Proceeds from the event benefit Travelers Aid DFW, a United Way agency whose mission is to provide information and social services to the DFW Airport community and surrounding communities.

On Friday evening, guests will enjoy an evening under the stars sipping wine and indulging in chocolate from more than 30 of the finest chocolatiers in the D/FW area. The event is from 7 to 10 pm at La Buena Vida Vineyards, 416 E. College Street. Advance tickets are \$35, or \$40 at the door.

Saturday, guests may spend the day enjoying chocolate and perusing unique pieces of art from 11 am to 3 pm at the Palace Arts Center. Advance tickets are \$14, or \$15 at the door. Children seven and under are \$5.

Entertainment will be provided at both events. For more information, please call 972-574-4420 or visit www.TravelersAidDFW.org.

Steam Up Your Valentine on the Sweetheart Express

Valentine's Day will be a little steamy in Grapevine as hundreds of couples board the Grapevine Vintage Railroad's Sweetheart Express for the ultimate romantic experience.

The magic begins before the ride even starts with strolling violinists performing for passengers on the platform. The

Sweetheart Express includes hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, followed by a candlelight dinner and dancing at River Ranch in the Fort Worth Stockyards. During the return trip from the Stockyards,

passengers will receive special gifts of chocolates and a rose.

The Sweetheart Express departs at 6 pm and returns around 11:45 pm. Tickets are \$65 per person or \$125 per couple and may be purchased in advance online at www.gvrr.com or by calling 817-410-3123.

Day Out With Thomas™

Springtime brings an event for kids of all ages when



Thomas the Tank Engine™ chugs in to the Cotton Belt Depot in Historic Downtown Grapevine. Dates are March 28-30 and April 4-6.

Brought to you by the Grapevine Vintage Railroad and the Museum of American Railroads, the storybook engine provides lots of excitement for "Thomas the Tank Engine"™ fans. "A Day Out With Thomas"™ features 25-minute rides on the classic storybook engine, Sir Topham Hatt, storytelling, video viewing, live music, arts and crafts, temporary tattoos and a retail area totally devoted to "Thomas the Tank Engine"™ merchandise.

Tickets are \$18 (plus service fee) for all ages. Advanced ticket purchase is recommended, and may be purchased online at www.gvrr.com. All sales are final and the train will run rain or shine. Free parking is available at the Grapevine Convention Center, with free shuttles to the Depot.

For more information, please call 817-410-3123 or 214-428-0101.

PALACE ARTS CENTER

For tickets call 817-410-3100

Classic Chevrolet/Hummer Art Series

First Light, February 15, 1:30 pm and 7:30 pm

First Light is a collaboration between Teatro de la Rosa and Jubilee Theatre celebrating the commonalities between two cultures in America, Hispanic and African-American, with a message of cultural understanding that will resonate with all student audiences.

Singer/Songwriter Showcase, March 21, 7:30 pm

Join Austin-based singer-songwriter Trish Murphy and Friends on stage at the Palace Theatre for an unplugged acoustic set of original Texas music.

Dinner and a Movie Series

Stagecoach, March 7, 7:50 pm

John Wayne stars in this classic American western film that should not be missed.

Citizen Kane, April 4, 7:50 pm

Orson Wells directed, starred and produced this movie at the age of 25. *Citizen Kane* is probably the world's most famous and highly-rated film 🍇

**The official population
of Grapevine as of
December 31, 2007 is 49,486.**

Senior Activities Center (SAC)

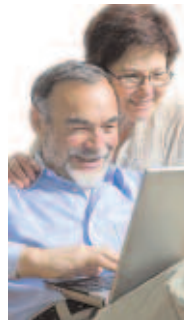
AARP Tax Aid

Need assistance with your taxes? Qualified volunteers are available to help those in the low-to-middle income range—with special emphasis given to those aged 60 and over—by appointment from February 6 to April 9. Please call 817-8130 to make your appointment.



Computer Class Registration

Walk-in registration is Monday, March 10 from 9 am to noon; telephone registration is from 1-2 pm. (Registration in person is recommended for first-choice selection.) Please call 817-410-8130 for a list of free classes.



Potluck & Movie Night

Bring a dish for the potluck dinner at 5 pm on Tuesday, March 25, and stay for the movie at 6 pm.

Senior Golf Tournament

Thursday April 17, 7:30 am at Grapevine Golf Course. Cost is \$55. Deadline to sign up is April 7.



Senior Dances

Dance to Starcast on March 1 and High Caliber on April 5, from 7 to 9:30 pm at the SAC. Price is only \$3 per person. Bring a snack to share at intermission.

Senior Fun Day

Join us Friday, March 28 from 9 am to noon for an exciting morning full of fun activities, door prizes, refreshments and an array of booths and senior-related services.

All activities are available to adults 55 years plus. For more information, please call 817-410-8130. 🍇

Staying GREEN in Grapevine

DON'T BAG IT!

Do you want a plush lawn that will turn your neighbors green with envy? Then consider "grasscycling." By leaving grass clippings on the lawn to decompose into soil, your lawn will realize the following benefits:

- Turf is greener and tougher.
- Common turf diseases are prevented.
- Lawn fertilizer requirements are reduced.
- Thatch is prevented.
- Time spent mowing and maintaining your lawn is reduced.
- Watering needs and expenses are cut.

Basics of grasscycling:

- Mow grass at the proper height and disperse the grass clippings down \ to the soil.
- Water grass only as needed—approximately one inch of water once a week.
- Fertilize grass with slow-release fertilizers as needed to correct deficiencies. 🍇



Santa's Little Helper!

Eight years ago, Geri Foster, Secretary of Parks & Recreation Services, helped Santa answer 20 letters from Grapevine children. Santa and Geri were extra busy this year replying to over 600 letters left in the special Christmas mailboxes on Main Street.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CENTER (CAC)

Special Events

"My Little Princess" Daddy/Daughter Dance

Come make memories for a lifetime at our annual Daddy/Daughter Dance on Saturday, February 9 at the CAC. Escort your little princess to a magical evening fit for royalty, including real knights in full regalia and live fairytale princesses. This enchanted evening includes "Cinderella" carriage rides, lavish buffets, limo rides, music, crafts and more. Tickets are available at the



CAC or by calling 817-410-3450. Space is limited, so don't wait. Tickets are \$10 per person January 4 through February 3; \$15 after that date. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Dads and daughters

ages 0-7 years will party from 4-6 pm. Dads and daughters ages 8 and up will attend from 7-9 pm. Dads with daughters in both age groups may attend at either time.

Aquatics

Aquatics registration for residents begins February 3. (Don't forget we offer swim lessons for adults too!) Please see the *Playbook* for details regarding class levels and times, or visit www.gvpard.com.



Easter Egg Hunt

The 33rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Grapevine High School practice fields on Saturday, March 15 at 10 am. Thousands of eggs will be hidden for children to hunt. Egg hunt divisions are ages 0-3, 4-5, 6-8 and 9-11. Very special prize eggs will be hidden in each age category. Other free activities include face painting, popcorn and more. Have your photo made with the Easter Bunny for a small fee, benefiting the HERO scholarship fund. In the event of inclement weather, the hunt will be rescheduled for March 22 at 10 am.



Youth Athletics

Girl's Spring Youth Volleyball

Registration:

Feb. 1-17

Late Registration:

Feb. 18- 23*

Fees:

\$55/resident

individual,

\$65/non-resident individual,

\$210/resident team & \$230/non-resident team

Season Dates: March 22-April 26

Ages: 7-14 as of Sept. 1, 2007

Spring Youth Basketball

Registration: March 1-22

Late Registration: March 23-31*

Fees: \$75/resident individual,

\$85/non-resident individual,

\$400/resident team & \$420/non-resident team

Season dates: May 3-June 28

Ages: boys and girls 7-14 as of September 1, 2007.



Summer Sport Camps

British Soccer Camps — Two Sessions

Registration:

Begins March 1

Site: Parr Park,
3010 Parr Road

Dates: June 9-13 & July 7-11

Fees: \$79 for 1.5 hours for ages 4/5; \$102 for 3 hours for ages 6-14

University of Dallas-Hoops School

Registration: Begins March 1

Site: CAC

Dates: June 16-20

Fees: \$90 per camper; ages 7-17

Integrity Girls Basketball Camp

Registration: Begins March 1

Site: CAC

Dates: July 7-10

Fees: \$70 per camper; ages 8-12

Adult Athletics

Winter Indoor Volleyball

Registration: Feb. 3-10

Late Registration: Feb. 11-18*

Fees: \$145 per team

Season Dates: Feb. 25-April 10

Spring Sand Volleyball

Registration: March 30-April 6

Late Registration: April 7-14*

Fees: \$150 per team

Season Dates: April 21-July 3

Spring Flag Football-4 on 4

Registration: Feb. 24-March 2

Late Registration: March 3-10*

Fees: \$230 per team

Season Dates: March 25-May 6

Spring Flag Football-8 on 8

Registration: March 2-9

Late Registration: March 10-17*

Fees: \$310 per team



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Regulations for Door-to-Door Soliciting

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Season Dates: March 30-June 1

Spring Softball

Registration: Feb. 3-10

Late Registration: Feb. 11-18*

Fees: \$170/team Sunday COED for Fun & \$320/team Men's E, D, Church, COED Rec., Super D

Season Dates: Feb. 24-May 2

Spring Basketball

Registration: March 23-30

Late Registration: March 31-April 7*

Fees: \$340/team

Season Dates: April 14-June 26

Spring Ultimate Frisbee

Registration: Feb. 25-March 16

Late Registration: March 17- 24*

Fees:

\$125/team

Season

Dates: April 2-

May 28

* Add 10%

late fee 🍇



Solicitor Permits are issued by the City Secretary's Office in conjunction with the Grapevine Police Department.

Below are a few of the rules and regulations addressed in the ordinance adopted by the Grapevine City Council for soliciting door-to-door:

- No solicitation allowed in public right of ways and medians.
- License: All solicitors are required to have City-issued photo permit on their person and displayed at all times when soliciting.
- Exemptions to license: Distribution of religious literature, anonymous political speech, previously established regular business trade, and any operation which is exempted by State or Federal statute.
- Authorization from all applicants to conduct background checks.
- Permitted hours for solicitation: 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Saturday, excluding Sunday and federally designated holidays, and on any day where the Department of Homeland Security has declared an orange or red state of alert.
- All solicitors are required to wear

orange traffic safety vests while soliciting.

Grounds for revocation of license or denial of license include:

- Failure to provide a complete and thorough application or the falsification of any part of the application, or
- Misrepresent the purpose of the solicitation, or
- Misrepresent the affiliation of those engaged in the solicitation, or
- Continue efforts to solicit from an individual once that individual informs the solicitor that he does not wish to give anything to or buy anything from that solicitor, or
- Represent the issuance of any license under this chapter as an endorsement or recommendation of the solicitation, or
- Solicit at any residence or building which has posted a no solicitor sign, or
- Act in any manner which is contrary to local, state, or federal law.

For questions regarding door-to-door solicitors, please contact the City Secretary's Office at 817-410-3182. 🍇

Ding, Ding, Ding Goes the Trolley

In collaboration with the City of Grapevine, the Gaylord Texan provides complimentary trolley service from Grapevine's Historic District, Grapevine Mills Mall and Bass Pro

Shops. Hourly pick-up and drop-off locations include Grapevine's Historic Railroad Depot, the Torian Cabin (corner of Main and Wall Streets), outside Neiman Marcus' Last Call, and the Bass Pro Shops main entrance. For a complete schedule, please visit GrapevineTexasUSA.com and search "trolley." 🍇



Grapevine Library

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Toddler Storytime, for children 18 to 36 months, is offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:15 to 10:35 am.

Preschool Storytime is for 3 to 5-year-olds. The program is offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10:45 – 11:15 am.

Family Evening Storytime is a multi-age program with an assortment of books, crafts, performers and activities for the whole family on Thursdays at 7 pm.



Spanish Storytime is a multi-age program. Books and songs are presented in Spanish every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Cuentos en español es gratis en la biblioteca de Grapevine. Cada Miércoles a las 6:30 pm.

My First Storytime is a one-on-one program for babies (birth to 18 months) and their caregivers. The program consists of six-week sessions on Fridays or Saturdays from 10 to 11 am. Registration is required and space is limited. Please call 817-410-3406 for information about the next session beginning in April.



Make & Take Valentines: Make your own valentines on Thursday, February 7 at 7 pm. We'll supply paper, doilies, glitter glue and more to make one-of-a-kind valentines to share with family and friends.



Sandy Shrout presents The Frog Prince: Join us for Family

Storytime on Thursday, February 14 at 7 pm as talented puppeteer Sandy Shrout and her puppet friends present the story of *The Frog Prince*. This special Valentine's Day program is all about the importance of friendship.

Lone Star Spinners Yo-Yo Club: If you would like to learn amazing yo-yo tricks, join the Lone Star Spinners in the Children's Program Room on the first Saturday of each month from 11 am until 12:30 pm. This program is free, open to everyone, and all supplies, including yo-yos, trick tops, and diabolos, are provided. All levels of experience are welcome, so come for professional instruction with yo-yo champs Dale and Valerie Oliver of Spintastics.



Super Dave and Big Ern: Special guests for Family Storytime on March 13th at 7 pm will be Super Dave and Big Ern, a guitar hackin', harmonica blowin', singing duo performing high-energy, funny and audience-engaging songs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

February

9	10:30 am	DFW Machine Knitters Guild
11	10:30 am	Grapevine Namedroppers
13	7 pm	Happy, Healthy Kids
16	10:30 am	Parenting
18	7 pm	Peter Fletcher concert
21	6:30 pm	Quilt Chat

March

8	10:30 am	DFW Machine Knitters Guild
10	10:30 am	Grapevine Namedroppers
20	6:30 pm	Quilt Chat

Quilt Chat: Debbie Botts demonstrates duplicate stitch at the February DFW Machine Knitting Guild meeting.

Namedroppers: Dreanna Belden tells about the "Portals of Texas" at the February meeting of Namedroppers. Nancy Maxwell of the Grapevine Public Library staff will discuss how to best use city directories at the March meeting.

Happy, Healthy Kids:

Susan Omare returns on February 13th for "Happy, Healthy Kids", demonstrating how good nutrition leads to healthier kids and better students in school.



Parenting: The Parenting Center is continuing its successful series of free workshops at Grapevine Public

Book Lovers Book Sale



Love the smell and feel of old books? Want to own a book published in the 1800s or early 1900s? Want to add a unique title, cover or content to your library?

Then don't miss the Friends of the Grapevine Public Library Book Lovers Book Sale, featuring special books for special people. Browse among several hundred old, unique, rare, and autographed volumes.

The sale will be held in the Grapevine Public Library Program Room on Saturday, February 9 from 11am to 4 pm.

Passports and Birth Certificates Available at the City Secretary's Office

Library. Registration is required through The Parenting Center at 817-332-6348. The February 16th workshop, EQ and IQ: Working with Gifted Children and Emotional Development, addresses the unique challenges of parenting gifted children.

Concert: Classical guitarist Peter Fletcher returns to the Grapevine Public Library on February 18th. Fletcher played to a nearly packed house in 2007. 🍇

Grapevine Public Library has added several new sets of the Great Courses programs to its collection. A highlight is that some are on DVD, which allows the student to see what is happening in the classroom and being written on the boards. DVDs are particularly useful for science and mathematics classes.

The City Secretary's Office at City Hall can help you obtain a U.S. Passport or Certified Birth Certificate without waiting in long lines.

The State Department has announced that all air travelers, including U.S. citizens, are required to have a passport to travel to and from the U.S. to Mexico, Canada, the Caribbean and Bermuda. Processing of passport applications by the State Department is taking approximately eight weeks, so please plan accordingly. The U.S. Department of State also provides valuable information regarding travel abroad and passport information at www.travel.state.gov.

U.S. Passport applications are accepted by appointment only Monday through Friday from 9 am to 2 pm in the Grapevine City Secretary's Office. You may contact Jodi at jbrown@grapevinetexas.gov for more information. To schedule an appointment, please call 817-410-3181.

Certified Birth Certificates are available for anyone born in Texas from 1926 to present (children must be six months old). Certificates are \$22 each, and adults must show a valid drivers license. The City Secretary's Office is open from 9 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Applications may be downloaded at www.grapevinetexas.gov/depts/secretary. For more information, please call 817-410-3181.



Heritage Foundation's Annual Jubilee

Whether your family settled in Grapevine in 1844 or just moved here, the Grapevine Heritage Foundation's annual Jubilee is a not-to-be-missed event. The goal of Jubilee is to wrap up the \$800,000 Nash Farm Capital Campaign so that the facilities may come to life.

In its fourth year, Jubilee is a fun-filled evening with dinner, entertainment by the Grapevine Opry Band, dancing and activities designed to keep you moving. The auction includes must-have items that you will not want to miss, including some great surprises.

Jubilee takes place at Austin Ranch on February 8 at 6:30 pm.

Attire is western formal. Tickets are \$75 per person, with tables available for \$950. For more information, or to order tickets, please call 817-410-3585 or visit GrapevineHeritageFoundation.org. 🍇



Save These Dates!

2008 FESTIVALS & EVENTS

April

- 12 6th Annual Spring Into Nash Farm
- 18 Jazz Wine Train
- 19 16th Annual Blessing of the Vines and New Vintage Wine & Gallery Trail

May

- 16-18 24th Annual Main Street Days - An Outdoor Adventure

July

- 4 26th Annual Fireworks Extravaganza over Lake Grapevine

September

- 11-14 22nd Annual GrapeFest

October

- 11 8th Annual Nash Farm Fall Round-Up
- 18 11th Annual Butterfly Flutterby

December

- 1 Carol of Lights
- 4 Parade of Lights
- 5-7, 12-15, 19-21 North Pole Express and Christmas on Main Street

For more information, check the CVB webpage at www.grapevinetexasusa.com. 

WHOM TO CONTACT

Animal Control	817-410-3370
City Hall	817-410-3000
City Manager's Office	817-410-3105
Community Activities Center	817-410-3450
Fire Department	911, 817-410-8100
Municipal Court	817-410-3284
Grapevine Library	817-410-3400
Police Department	911, 817-410-3255
Public Works	817-410-3330
Senior Activities Center	817-410-8130
Website	www.grapevinetexas.gov

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